

IPC Ealing, 31 December, 11:00

Call To Worship – *from 1 Chronicles 29 (ESV)*

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord,

the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.

Both riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all.

**All: In your hand are power and might,
and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.
And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.**

Let earth and heaven combine,

angels and men agree

to praise in songs divine

the incarnate Deity;

our God contracted to a span,

incomprehensibly made man.

He laid his glory by,

took form in mortal clay;

unseen by human eye

the hidden Godhead lay;

infant of days he here became,

and bore the meek Immanuel's name...

See in that infant's face

the depths of Deity;

endeavour, while you gaze,

to probe the mystery;

let even angels gaze no more,

but bow and silently adore.

Unsearchable the love
that has our Saviour brought;
his grace is far above
the reach of human thought:
it is enough that God, we know,
our God, is manifest below.

He deigns in flesh to appear,
widest extremes to join;
to bring our vileness near,
and make us all divine:
and we the life of God shall know,
for God is manifest below.

Made perfect by his love
and sanctified by grace,
we shall from earth remove
and see his glorious face:
then shall his love be fully showed
and we shall be complete in God.

Charles Wesley (1707-88), All hymns are covered by CCL 773

Prayer For God's Blessing — followed by **The Lord's Prayer**

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

Reading Of God's Word — *2 Chronicles 20 (p372)*

The people who in darkness walked
have seen a glorious light:
that light shines out on those who lived
in shadows of the night.

To greet you, Sun of Righteousness,
the gathering nations come;
rejoicing as when reapers bring
their harvest treasures home.

For now to us a child is born,
to us a Son is given
and on his shoulder ever rests
all power in earth and heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
eternally adored;
most wonderful of counsellors,
the great and mighty Lord...
His peace and righteous government
shall over all extend;
on judgment and on justice based,
his reign shall never end.

John Morison (1750-98)

Confession of Sin

All: O Lord our God, no day of our lives passes that does not prove us guilty in your sight. Even our best efforts are as filthy rags before you. We ask you to forgive our sin because he who knew no sin was made to be sin for us; that in Christ we might be fully pardoned and restored. Grant that, by resting in his righteousness alone, we may hereafter walk in newness of life, and run with endurance the race that is set before us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – *John 3:16 (ESV)*

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

Joy has dawned upon the world,

promised from creation:
God’s salvation now unfurled,
hope for every nation.
Not with fanfares from above,
not with scenes of glory,
but a humble gift of love:
Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky
with the songs of angels,
as the mighty Prince of Life
shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place,
shaped the earth in darkness,
cling now to a mother’s breast,
vulnerable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb,
gazing at the glory;
gifts of men from distant lands
prophecy the story.
Gold, a King is born today;
incense, God is with us;
myrrh, his death will make a way,
and by his blood he’ll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heaven,
given as a ransom
reconciling God and man:
Christ, our mighty champion!
What a Saviour, what a Friend,
what a glorious mystery:
once a babe in Bethlehem,
now the Lord of history.

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Confession Of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father, Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church*,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* This means the universal Christian church – all believers in Jesus Christ, and their children

Church Prayers

Offering

There will be an opportunity to give to support the ministry at IPC through the offering bag and through the Givt app. Details about how to give tax-efficiently can be found in the foyer. **If you are visiting**, please do not feel under any obligation to contribute.



Lord, you were rich beyond all splendour,
yet, for love's sake, became so poor;
thrones for a manger did surrender,
sapphire-paved courts for stable floor:
Lord, you were rich beyond all splendour,
yet, for love's sake, became so poor.

Lord, you are God beyond all praising,
yet, for love's sake, became a man;
stooping so low, but sinners raising
heavenwards by your eternal plan:
Lord, you are God beyond all praising,
yet, for love's sake, became a man.

Lord, you are love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King, we worship you;
Immanuel, within us dwelling,
make us and keep us pure and true:
Lord, you are love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King, we worship you.

Frank Houghton (1894-1972)

Preaching Of God's Word – Paul Levy

Should nothing of our efforts stand

No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive

To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ!

*All glory be to Christ our King!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!*

His will be done
His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is himself our daily bread
Praise him the Lord of love

Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ!

All glory be to Christ our King!...

When on the day the great I AM
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new.

Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be
All glory be to Christ!

All glory be to Christ our King!...

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Benediction

Notices

Week of Prayer - January

- Tuesday 2: Prayer after Lunchtime Service
- Wednesday 3: 20.00 at the church
- Thursday 4: 6.30 at the church
16:00 Children's and Youth Prayer
- Friday 5: Day of Prayer and Fasting - Meal together at 18.00,
Prayer and the Lord's Supper at 19.00

Hope Explored - 19.00 supper, 19.30 start on 10, 17 and 24 January

- We're looking forward to running Hope Explored on 10, 17 and 24 January - 19.00 supper, 19.30 start.

Adult Sunday School Stream - "Membership Matters"

- We'll have Membership Matters Course looking at what it means to be a member of IPC Ealing. There are 3 sessions 14, 21, 28 January which will run from 10.00-10.40.